Manufacture and Sale of Banned Drugs

2172. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some drugs have been banned by some developed nations;

(b) if so, whether they are still being manufactured and sold in the Indian market;

(c) if so, the details thereof, with reasons therefor; and

(d) steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the manufacture and sale of banned drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) Information about discontinuation/ban of drugs in some countries is usually received from the World Health Organisation (WHO). The disease pattern, the ethnic group of population, cost factor etc. are taken into consideration by experts before recommending ban or restricted use in the country. The WHO has so far reported withdrawal of 46 drugs in some countries, out of which, 26 drugs were not approved for marketing in India. After examination by the experts, marketing of 13 drugs has been prohibited through Notification Under Section 26-A of Drugs and Cosmetics Act. In respect of the remaining 7 drugs, decision was taken to permit continued marketing in the country after consulting medical experts and subject to a cautionary statement and contra-indications being given on the label/backage insert. These 7 durgs are:

1. Hydroxyquinoline (clioquinol, enteropuinol, etc.)
2. Phenformin (D.B.I.)
3. Nitrofuran compound

(a) Furazolidone

(b) Nitrofurazone cream

4. Lynestronol

5. Piperazine

6. Oxyphenbutazone/phenylbutazone

7. Analgin (Dipyrone)

Production and export of Fertilizers and Pesticides

2173. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of various chemical fertilizers and pesticides had increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, quantity-wise and type-wise; and

(c) the quantity of these fertilizers and pesticides exported during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Yes, sir. There has been increase in indigenous production of fertilizers. Product-wise details of production and export of chemical fertilizers during the last three years have been as under:

(in Lakh MT)

Name of	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
Product	Production	Export	Production	Export	Production	Export
Urea	185.96	0.20	192.91	0.40	198.30	0.01
A/S	5.44	—	5.51	—	6.03	—
CAN	4.41	—	4.67	—	3.18	—
A/C	1.10	—	0.63	—	0.88	—
DAP	36.91	—	38.68	—	38.63	—
SSP	31.39	0.37	34.07	0.88	32.05	—
Complexes	35.18	—	37.74	0.0004	50.01	—

The details of production and export of various pesticides during the last three years are given in statement.